

MEPAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Mrs Elizabeth Stazicker

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Monday 12th January 2009
TIME: 19.30
VENUE: Mepal Village Hall, School Lane, Mepal
PRESENT: Chair Mrs Stazicker, Mr Stacey, Mr Slough, Mr Drew, Mr Sallis, Mr Newstead
Clerk Mrs Shipley

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Read, District Councillor Goodge, District Councillor Bailey and 5 members of the public were in attendance.

001/09 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and approved from Mr Pleasance.

002/09 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Mr Sallis recorded a personal interest in agenda items 007/09 (b) and (c).

003/09 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:

The minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 10th November 2008 and the Extraordinary Meeting of 18th December 2008 were approved and signed as correct records of the meetings.

004/09 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Several members of the public present wished to address the Council regarding agenda item 007/09. The Chairman therefore agreed to take those representations at the time of that agenda item.

005/09 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Oral reports received from County Councillor Read, District Councillor Bailey and District Councillor Goodge.

006/09 PLANNING.

New Planning Applications

a) 08/01134/FUL Single storey extension to 15 Witcham Road, Mepal. Applicant: Mr Daniel Dear.

It was resolved that no comment be made on this application.

Updates

b) 08/00994/FUL Full planning permission granted for the demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new 2-storey dwelling at 32 New Road, Mepal. Applicants: Mr P & Mrs D Smith.

007/09 ALLOTMENTS WORKING PARTY

a) To receive an update report including results of the Public Meeting on Thursday 4th December 2008.

Oral report received from Mr Sallis. As a result of the public meeting, an Allotment & Leisure Garden Association has been formed for Mepal. There are 25 members, not all of whom are Allotmenters. Officers have been duly elected. An Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st January.

b) To consider a recommendation from the Working Party for the use of part of the northern tongue of the Recreation Field, behind Laurel Close for allotments and a wildlife area.

It was resolved that the recommendation be approved.

c) To note progress on the search for an additional area of land and to support further work towards the possible acquisition of the strip of land between the Meadow Way estate and the A142 road.

Oral update received from Mr Newstead.

Meeting suspended at 20:00.

One member of the public raised several concerns at the use of this area of land for allotments. These concerns were addressed by the Chairman and by Mrs Lynne Woodward who is Chairman of the newly formed Association. No further action is required.

Meeting reconvened at 20:10.

It was resolved to support further work towards acquisition of the strip of land between the Meadow Way estate and the A142 road.

Mr Stacey left the meeting.

008/09 COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

- a) To receive an update on the Support for Mepal Stores.

Oral report received from Mrs Stazicker. The Parish Council is pleased to note that a possible buyer for Mepal Stores has been identified.

009/09 PARISH MAINTENANCE

- a) To consider Grass Cutting contract and schedule for 2009.

It was resolved to accept the contract and schedule received from Truelink Ltd for grass cutting for the 2009 season.

Action: Clerk.

- b) To receive Report of Safety Inspection of Playground Equipment for 2008 and to consider necessary repairs.

It was resolved that an order be placed for all repairs recommended within the Safety Inspection. **Action: Clerk.**

- c) To consider membership of Cambridgeshire Playing Fields Association Network.

It was resolved that Mepal Parish Council should become a member of Cambridgeshire Playing Fields Association Network at a cost of £10 per annum. **Action: Clerk.**

- d) To consider quotation for hedge work at Mepal Recreation Field.

It was resolved to accept the quotation received from Truelink Ltd. **Action: Clerk.**

010/09 PATHS

- a) To receive review of Parish Paths Partnership Scheme for 2008/9.

Oral report received from Mr Slough and the Clerk.

- b) To consider a further application to for Cambridgeshire County Council for Parish Paths Partnership Scheme for 2009/10.

It was resolved that Mepal Parish Council should reapply for the scheme for 2009/10 and that the list of work from 2008/9 be resubmitted.

011/09 FINANCE

- a) To receive quarterly report on budget and expenditure to 31.12.08.

Oral report received from the Clerk. No problems are forecasted at this time.

- b) To consider the setting of the final figure for the 2009/10 precept.

It was resolved that the precept be set at £25,950 for 2009/10.

- c) It was resolved that payment of the following outstanding accounts made between meetings be approved:

Global Tree Solutions – Tree work in Laurel Close	£634.50	Open Space Act 1906 s.10
Cambridgeshire ACRE – Annual Membership	£25.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Truelink – grass October	£735.61	Open Space Act 1906 s.10
Mepal Stores Ltd – Newsletter	£124.38	LGA 1972 s.142

- d) It was resolved that payment of the following outstanding accounts be made;

S Shipley – Expenses November	£55.51	LGA 1972 s.111
HM Revenue & Customs – PAYE & NI November/December	£2.62	LGA 1972 s.111
S Shipley – salary adjustment November/December	£19.74	LGA 1972 s.111
CALC-CTP – Councillor Training	£140.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Truelink – aeration of recreation field	£230.00	Open Space Act 1906 s.10
Society of Local Council Clerks – subscription	£94.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Wicksteed Leisure – safety inspection of play equipment	£51.75	Open Space Act 1906 s.10
Allen Sallis – expenses	£37.83	LGA 1972 s.111

012/09 NEIGHBOURHOOD PANELS

- a) To consider whether there are any matters to raise at the West Neighbourhood Panel Meeting on Monday 26th January 2009.
- None.

013/09 WEEKLY RECREATION FIELD AND PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS

- a) It was resolved that the Mr Pleasance will check the play area on a Monday and Mr Slough will undertake the weekly equipment inspection.

014/09 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (For Information Only).

- a) COPE - Newsletter November/December 2008.
- b) Cambridgeshire County Council - Annual Report 2007/8.
- c) Cambridgeshire NHS - In Touch Winter 2008.
- d) East Cambs District Council - Standards Committee Update.
- e) Cambridgeshire ACRE - Fens LeAP LEADER+ Programme 2002-8.

015/09 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

- Monday 9th February 2009 - Full Council Meeting.
- Monday 9th March 2009 - Full Council Meeting.
- Monday 6th April 2009 - Full Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 20:45.

..... Chairman to Mepal Parish Council

..... Date